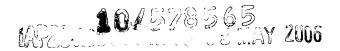
Docket No. 290321US3PCT



### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Takuo KUGIYA, et al.

SERIAL NO: New U.S. PCT Application Based on PCT/JP04/06177

GAU:

FILED:

Herewith

**EXAMINER:** 

FOR:

**ELEVATOR APPARATUS** 

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

#### REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

### RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

#### CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- □ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

## **DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number <u>15-0030</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

C. Irvin McClelland

Registration No. 21,124

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000 Fax. (703) 413-2220 (OSMMN 05/03)

Surinder Sachar

Registration No. 34,423

Commence in 17 Coo

SHEET 1 OF 1

Form PTO 1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Modified) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE			ATTY DOCKET NO. 290321US3PCT		STRIAD NO. TO SEE SEE NAME S. F. CT Application Based on PCT/JP04/06177				
				APPLICANT	Based 011 F C 1/3F 04/00 17 1				
LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT Takuo KUGIYA, et al.									
				FILING DATE		GROUP			
				Herewith					
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS									
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE		
	AA		ļ						
	AB								
	AC								
	AD								
	AE								
	AF								
	AG		-						
	AH					·			
	AI AJ		<del>                                     </del>						
	AK								
	AL		ļ						
	AM							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	AN								
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS									
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY		TRANSL YES		LATION NO	
	AO	8-324914	12/10/96	JP				NO	
	AP	20767/1978	02/22/78	JP				NO	
	AQ	4-292389	10/16/92	JP (with English abstract)				NO	
	AR	10-25071	01/27/98	JP (English abstract only)				NO	
	AS	57-126374	08/06/82	JP				NO	
	ΑT	9-278304	10/28/97	JP				NO	
	AU	6-345352	12/20/94	JP				NO	
	AV	32381/1980	03/01/80	JP				NO	
	AW	03/053836	07/03/03	WO (with English abstract)				NO	
	AX	2001-192183	07/17/01	JP (with English abstract)				NO	
	AY	8-301543	11/19/96	JP (with English abstract)				NO	
OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)									
	AZ				Additional References sheet(s) attached				
Examiner					Date Considered				
*Examiner: Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.									

# STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References AO AW have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References have been cited in the corresponding copy of these references is being submitted herewith.

  Search Report. A
- 3) Reference AX is discussed in the specification. A copy of this reference is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References AY is additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of this reference is being submitted herewith.